

LOCAL NEWS.

CITY COUNCIL.—A called meeting of the City Council was held last night for the purpose of considering the action of the legislature in session in this place, in relation to the City Charter.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.—A. Jamieson was appointed President, pro tem.

A resolution from the Common Council, requesting the legislature to refer their action on the amended City Charter to the voters, for their ratification or rejection, and appointing a committee of three from each board to present the resolution, was laid on the table.

The appointment of Geo. Tyler and W. F. Padgett as fire wardens of the Friendship Fire Company, by the Common Council, at its last meeting, was concurred in.

The petition of P. H. Hoeff, for a remission of tax, was referred to the Committee on claims, and the petition of C. C. Smoot, for grading the sidewalk at the corner of Washington and Gibbon streets, was referred to the Committee on Streets.

COMMON COUNCIL.—J. Tacey was appointed President pro tem.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Clark:

"Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen and the Common Council of Alexandria, Va., respectfully request the General Assembly of Virginia, to take such action, in their legislative capacity, as will secure the reference of the act, entitled "an act to amend the Charter of Alexandria," to the legal voters of this city, for their ratification or rejection thereof."

On motion, the ayes and noes were taken on the adoption of the resolution, and it was lost, by the following vote:

Ayes—Cowing, Dyson, Moran, Clark, Tacey, Gregory, Arnold and Martin—8. (Not a majority of the whole Council.)

Noes—Berkley—1.

Dr. Robertson appearing, the above vote was reconsidered, and the resolution then adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Cowing, Dyson, Moran, Robertson, Clark, Tacey, Gregory, Berkley, Arnold and Martin—10.

Noes—none.

On motion of Mr. Arnold, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That a committee of three members of the Board be appointed, to act in conjunction with a similar committee from the Board of Aldermen, for the purpose of presenting the above resolution to the General Assembly."

COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTION.—The following commissioners to hold an election in this place, on the first Tuesday in March next, for a mayor and members of the City Council, were appointed by the Council, both branches concurring:

1st Ward—At F. A. Keyes', on Prince, between Water and Union streets—S. Baker, T. Davy and W. R. Howard.

2d Ward—At Council Chamber—J. N. Sherwood, E. Burchell and J. T. Taylor.

3d Ward—At Court House—J. M. Stewart, Jno. Moore and J. Tacey.

4th Ward—At the northwest corner of Prince and Alfred streets—W. Arnold, H. S. Martin and O. C. Whittlesey.

Mayor Ware was serenaded on Tuesday night, at his residence, and afterwards handsomely entertained the serenaders.

THE AMENDED CHARTER.—A called meeting of the City Council was held last night, to take action in reference to the amendments to the City Charter. The Common Council passed a resolution requesting that the amendments should be submitted to the qualified voters of the city for ratification or rejection, but the Board of Aldermen laid the subject on the table by an almost unanimous vote—Mr. Bell alone voting in the negative. So far as the Council is concerned, therefore, the subject drops, and the Charter, as amended, stands as the law. It is said, however, that a public meeting is to be held, for the purpose of praying the legislature in session here to reconsider its action, and submit the Charter to the vote of the people.

TRANSPORTATION.—The Washington Star says:—A fleet of transports, some of which are going to Savannah with Quartermasters' stores, will be despatched from Washington and Alexandria under convoy of the ice-boat Atlantic. Yesterday the propeller Black Diamond was engaged in taking on board a large quantity of Adams' Express freight which has accumulated here since the ice blockade, and will sail for City Point.

CLAIMS.—Yesterday, in the U. S. Senate, a petition of loyal citizens of Loudoun county, Virginia, asking compensation for losses sustained since Gen. Sheridan has held command in the Valley, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

RAILROAD.—While the ice blockade continues on the river, the trains on the U. S. Military Railroads will leave as follows:—Leave Alexandria 8, 10, 30, a. m.; 1, 3 05, and 6.40 p. m. Leave Washington 10 a. m., 12 m., 2, 4.30, and 8.30 p. m.

ROBBERY.—Mr. S. B. Corbett in going out from Washington to Camp Casey, yesterday, was robbed of or lost his pocket book, containing \$400.

MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY.—The annual missionary anniversary will be held in the M. E. Church, Washington street, on Sunday next, the 5th instant.

THE WEATHER is moderating, and the thaw continues gradually. The ice on the river is opening in some degree—though it will take some days more of mild weather to break it up.

THE LECTURE of Dr. Cox, of Brooklyn, on English Poetry, will be delivered to night, at Liberty Hall. See advertisement.

THE MARKET, except those on Saturday mornings, are now very poorly supplied, except with butchers' meats.

Call and see the arrangement H. SCHWARZ has made since his return from New York, in prices of Dry Goods. He is determined to keep up with the market.

FOR RENT.

STORE and DWELLING HOUSE, on Cameron street, between Royal and Pitt, next door to White's Grocery store. It is a good stand for business. Possession given immediately. Inquire of JAS. CHATHAM. feb 2—tf

HOOPSKIRT FACTORY.

No. 316, King Street
We also alter Hoopskirts into any shape wanted on low charges. jan 4—tf

GEN. SHERMAN'S ADVANCE.

Intelligence from the South to the 28th ult. says the main army of General Sherman was in motion. One portion of the army—the main body—moved, we are told, from Savannah, whilst two corps marched from Beaufort, and both forces were steadily advancing upon Charleston, from which they were but forty miles distant. The Confederates were offering resistance at every available point, but gradually falling back, destroying everything as they went. The lines of Sherman's army were slowly contracting, but it was believed that no general battle would take place until the troops reached the vicinity of Charleston. A dispatch from Macon, published in the Richmond papers, states that Sherman commenced his movement in South Carolina on the 17th ult., with three columns—the main column marching towards Charleston and taking nearly all his transportation. The other column, in light marching order, moved towards Branchville. General Hill had ordered all non combatants to leave Augusta.

SOUTHERN NEWS.

On the 27th ult., in Savannah, there was a large fire, destroying considerable property. On the 28th there was a still larger conflagration in the same city by which two squares were burned. A keg of powder, placed in an exposed condition, was discovered.

In Wilmington, on the 28th, 435 bales of cotton were destroyed by fire. Two car loads of cotton on the Weldon R. R., four miles from the city, were burned the same day. At Summit, Miss., on the same day, 600 bales of cotton, with commissary and quartermasters' stores were burned. The fires is said to have been accidental.

Gen. Beauregard has assumed command of the Army of Tennessee.

The Richmond papers say that when Gen. Singleton visited the Libby prison, in that city, he expressed his surprise at the falsehoods which had been published concerning it.

Gold, in New York, to day, 205½.

NOTICE.

HEADQUARTERS MILITARY GOVERNOR,
No. 7, North Fairfax Street.
ALEXANDRIA, VA., January 31st, 1865.

ALL persons without visible and respectable means of support are notified that the Chief of Military Police has been instructed to arrest and imprison all such found in the city of Alexandria after the first day of February proximo.

By Command of
Brig. Gen'l. SLOUGH,
MARVIN P. FISHER,
Captain and A. A. D. C.

jan 31—3t

J. F. RODES & CO.;

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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ROBERT L. WOOD.

No. 170, King, below Washington st.
jan 13—1m

BOARD and LODGING can be had for two or three persons, by application at No. 203, Prince street. jan 30—tf